

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant affirms the election of Group I, consisting of claims 1-6 and claims 15-26, made during the telephone conversation with Mr. Robert Lord (Reg. No. 46,479) on September 9, 2004. Further, Applicant affirms that claims 7-14 have been withdrawn.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 7-14 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 6, 17, 22, 23, 24, and 25 have been cancelled in this reply. Claims 27-30 have been added in this reply. Claims 1, 15, and 26 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 15, and 26.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as obvious over U.S. Patent Number 6,693,661 (“Vanderwilt”). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation, “wherein the server logic comprises logic for obtaining the presentation as a series of thumbnails, and wherein one of the series of thumbnails is selected and modified while presenting a presentation to obtain a modified thumbnail, wherein the presentation is re-assembled to obtain a modified presentation using the modified thumbnail.” Support for the limitation can be found in paragraphs [0038] and [0039] of the instant

specification. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Vanderwilt teaches a video conferencing unit that allows a presenter to transmit slides during a presentation to a remote location. Specifically, Vanderwilt teaches converting the slides of the presentation into a series of thumbnails, allowing the presenter to select a thumbnail that is displayed at the remote location, in any order the presenter chooses (*see* Vanderwilt column 7). However, Vanderwilt fails to teach interactively modifying the thumbnail while presenting a presentation, and updating the presentation slides that are displayed on a remote viewer while presenting the live presentation. In contrast, the present invention allows a thumbnail to be modified during a live presentation, and transparently updated on the remote viewer (*see* paragraphs [0038], [0039], and [0040] of the instant specification). Thus, the present invention is different than Vanderwilt because not only can the slides appear on the remote viewer in a new order, but different transition affects, timing, or even content may be transmitted to the remote viewer while presenting a presentation.

In view of the above, Vanderwilt fails to teach the present invention as recited in claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Vanderwilt. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as obvious over U.S. Publication Number 2002/0135621 (“Angulo”). Claim 25 has been cancelled in this reply, so the rejection is moot as to that claim. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitation, “selecting at least one of the plurality of thumbnails while presenting a

presentation, modifying a thumbnail property of at least one of the plurality of thumbnails to obtain a modified thumbnail, and re-assembling the presentation to obtain a modified presentation using the modified thumbnail.” Support for the limitation can be found at paragraphs [0038] and [0039] of the instant specification. Further, claims 15 and 26 have been amended to clarify the present invention. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner asserts that Angiulo teaches a remote presentation system that allows a client to load a presentation file onto a server, in which the slides of a presentation are converted into thumbnails and placed in a graphical user interface on the client in order to control a remote presentation on a remote display. Applicant disagrees and respectfully asserts that Angiulo teaches that a computer may operate in a networked environment (see Angiulo paragraphs [0032] and [0033]) and that thumbnails of pictures may be displayed in a web browser which is hyperlinked to the original image (see Angiulo paragraphs [0041] and [0042]). In contrast, the present invention allows dynamic modification of a presentation in real-time, while the presenter controls the presentation remotely (*see* paragraphs [0038] and [0039] of the instant specification). The presentation consists of slides, that may be modified while the presentation is presented and the presentation plug-in allows the modified presentation to be displayed (*see* paragraphs [0038] and [0039] of the instant specification).

The Examiner also asserts that Angiulo teaches modification of a thumbnail property and reassembling the presentation to create a modified presentation using the modified thumbnail (*see* Angiulo paragraphs [0011] – [0012]). Applicant disagrees and respectfully asserts that Angiulo teaches editing of a gallery of thumbnail images on a

webpage. In contrast, the present invention allows a thumbnail property of a slide to be modified while presenting a remote presentation (*see* paragraphs [0038] and [0039] of the instant specification. Further, the present invention allows the modification of the thumbnails to update transparently to the viewer of the presentation at the remote location (*see* paragraph [0040] of the instant specification).

In view of the above, Angiulo fails to teach the present invention as recited in claims 15 and 26. Thus, claims 15 and 26 are patentable over Angiulo. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vanderwilt in view of Angiulo. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted above, Vanderwilt fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in independent claim 1, from which claim 5 depends. Further, Angiulo does not teach or suggest what Vanderwilt lacks. Specifically, Angiulo teaches modifying a gallery of thumbnail images, or a photo gallery. Further, Angiulo teaches editing a revised webpage with thumbnail images and hyperlinks using different layout templates where the revision is performed to a static layout in full view of the viewer. In contrast, the present invention allows editing of thumbnails in a slide presentation. While presenting the slide presentation, the thumbnails may be edited dynamically to change the transition effects, timing, etc. Also, the thumbnails are edited so that while presenting a presentation, the update is transparent to the remote viewer.

In view of the above, Angiulo and Vanderwilt, whether considered separately or together, fail to show or suggest the present invention as recited in claim 5. Therefore, claim 5 is patentable over Angiulo and Vanderwilt. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 16159.033001).

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